

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 and 13-24 are pending in the application.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-11, 13-17, 23 and 24 is acknowledged with appreciation.

The rejection of claims 18-22, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is obviated by the amendment to claim 18 as set forth above. Claim 18 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to be in independent form. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

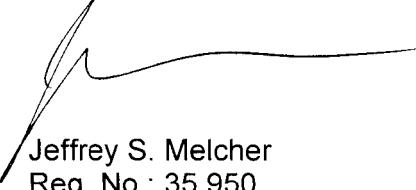
The prior art rejections of claims 25, 26, 39 and 40 are moot in view of the amendments to the claims as set forth above. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the originally filed claims and claims 25, 26, 39 and 40 above in a continuation application. All claim amendments have been made without prejudice.

In view of all of the rejections of record having been addressed, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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